--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Montreal Division - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- inscribed *J. L. Vincent / Collector* **- scanned at 67% scale - 238 x 20 mm ---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

John McKay records that 1,677,503 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

John McKay further records that 888,240 *lithographed* copies of "1/4 Black Tobacco" were "Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract**. These are probably lithographed strips from the "Series of 1883".

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) - 1,677,503

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	67,099
Hamilton Division	385,337
Montreal Division	15,979
Quebec Division	203,753
Quebec Division N 12	232,790
Toronto Division C 12	139,641
Windsor Division	252,124
	1,296,723

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, black, Montreal, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-35 - 1/4 pound, black, perforated 12, Montreal, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-35a - 1/4 pound, black, perforated 12, Montreal, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - **WANTED!**

RP-35n- 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Montreal Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a remnant strip

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the *control-free* **RP-35an** - the perforated 1/4th pound Montreal Division strip lithographed in black ink on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove. This would be a later printing of the 1/4th pound Montreal strip. Does this strip have a *horizontal* or a *vertical* mesh? If the mesh is *vertical*, the strip has simply missed the *block watermark* at the top or bottom of a sheet of **RP-35**.

The following *imperforate* strip is an unfinished remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/4th pound, black, *imperforate*, Montreal Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper – an unfinished remnant strip

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--- RP-35 - 1/4th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-35 - 1/4th pound, black, perforated 12, Montreal Division, control number **015979**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, used by Licensee # *7*,
Dated *5 - 80* for September 1880 - a broken and patched strip

015979★	09/80	RP-35	1/4th pound, perforated 12, by Licensee No. *7*, manuscript *5 - 80*
029552★	10/80	RP-35	1/4th pound, perforated 12, by Licensee No. 16, manuscript *7 - 80*

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